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Dunseith Man Pleads Guilty to Assault

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on September 28, 2010, **Alvin G. Decoteau**, 28, of Dunseith, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Daniel L. Hovland to a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

On March 5, 2009, Decoteau and a female companion were at the Triple Ace Bar in Dunseith. Around midnight Decoteau and the woman began to argue. Decoteau chased the woman out of the bar and hit her in the face, breaking the woman's jaw, which had to be wired shut.

The charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Turtle Mountain Agency and Belcourt Police Department.

Sentencing for Decoteau has been scheduled for December 29, 2010, in United States District Court in Minot, North Dakota, at 1:00 p.m.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell is prosecuting the case.

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